

CITY OF MILPITAS
SISTER CITIES ADVISORY COMMISSION (SCC)
MILPITAS CITY HALL COMMITTEE CONFERENCE ROOM

MINUTES
January 23, 2014

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call** Chair Grilli called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. Commissioners present: Arbaugh, Chen, Grilli, and Hardin. Commissioners absent: Arefi, Mateo, Serpa. Alternate Commissioner P. Chang arrived at 6:45 p.m.
- Council Liaison Carmen Montano: Present
MHS Student Liaison Brenda Su: Present
MUSD Liaison Gunawan Alisantosa: Absent
Staff Liaison Leslie Stobbe: Present
- II. Alternates Seating of** None.
- III. Allegiance Pledge of** Chair Grilli led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- IV. Minutes Approval of** MOTION to approve the minutes of October 24, 2013.
M / S: Arbaugh / Chen Ayes: All
- V. Agenda** MOTION to approve the agenda of January 23, 2-14 with removal of items 2, 3, 5, 6, 7 and 8 from the agenda.
M / S: Arbaugh / Chen Ayes: All
- VI. Announcements:** Staff provided two announcements: 1) Mabuhay Manila, A Business, Cultural and Rebuilding Mission sponsored by the San Francisco-Manila Sister Cities Committee id from February 16 – 22, 2014 in Manila, and; 2) Tree Planting Event sponsored by the Community Advisory Commission is on February 15, 2014 in Cardoza and Murphy Parks.
- VII. Public Forum:** None.
- VIII. New Business**
- 1. Elections**
Chair Grilli was reelected to his current position and Vice Chair Serpa was reelected to her current position for calendar year 2014.

2. City of Milpitas Vision, Mission and Values

The SCC received a presentation from Dr. Shawn Spano with Public Dialogue Consortium to regarding the start of citywide strategic planning. Vision, mission and value statements were discussed as part of responses provided to a questionnaire.

3. Sister City Request: Seongnam City, Gyeonggi Province, South Korea

The SCC received a video presentation from Mr. Kim Hong Cheol, Executive Director for Business Promotion for the SeongNam Industry Promotion Agency (SNIP) and Mr. Seunghun Han, Spokesperson for Seongnam City. Ms. Eun-Hee Koo, Chair of the Board of Directors for the Korean Language & Culture Foundation, provided translation services. By consensus, Commissioner Chen was appointed to act as liaison for research purposes and prepare an introductory letter to Seongnam City representatives.

IX. Old Business

1. 60th Anniversary Family Event, Sunday January 26, 2014

Staff reviewed the event location and table display. Commissioners Grilli, Arbaugh, Hardin, Chang and Chen volunteered to staff the information table.

2. SCI International Conference 2014

This item was removed from the agenda.

3. Sister City Commission Promotional Expenses

This item was removed from the agenda.

4. E-Pal Project with Sister Cities

Regarding contact between Figline Valdarno and Milpitas students, Chair Grilli reported that he distributed letters to 6th Grade teachers and middle school teachers. There are five classes in the elementary schools. It has since been discovered that 6th Grade students do not have Internet access at school and it is illegal for schools to provide this access to children 12 years of age and younger. Communications at this grade level must be hard copy letters only. It will be handled this way this year and future years remain to be determined. The 45 high school-aged students that were assigned to students with the Digital Business Academy at Milpitas High School will first receive hard copy letters. This will segue to online contact using school-provided email and / or a Google platform website created by teacher Andrea Hutchison.

5. Tsukuba City, Japan

This item was removed from the agenda.

6. Dagupan City, Philippines

This item was removed from the agenda.

7. Huizhou Municipality, China

This item was removed from the agenda.

8. Comune de Figline Valdarno, Italy

This item was removed from the agenda.

- X. City Council Liaison Report:** Council Liaison Montano reported on the designs proposed for California Circle and Main Street by technical design students at California State Polytechnic University.

XI. School District Liaison Report – None

XII. Future Agenda Items – Reviewed with these changes:

1. Sister City Relationships / Cultural Exchanges
 - i. Tsukuba, Japan
 - ii. Dagupan, Philippines
 - iii. Huizhou, China
 - iv. Figline Valdarno, Italy
2. Seongnam City, Sister City Request
3. Grants for Sister Cities Activities
4. 60th Anniversary Report

XIII. Adjournment

No further business was discussed. Upon determination that there was no urgent business, Chair Grilli requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m. until the next regularly scheduled meeting of February 27, 2014.

MOTION to adjourn the meeting of January 23, 2014 to the next regularly scheduled meeting of February 27, 2014.

M / S: Arbaugh / Chen

Ayes: All

Respectfully Submitted,

Leslie Stobbe
Staff Liaison